

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application No. 10/559,996 )  
Filed: October 4, 2006 )  
Applicants: Ralf KRAHMER et al. )  
Title: REAGENTS FOR MODIFYING )  
BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, THE )  
USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF )  
Art Unit: 1654 )  
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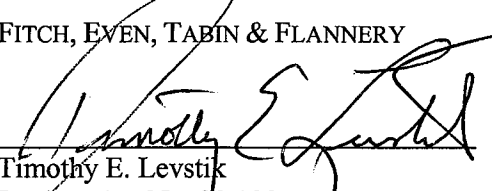
**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(C)**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c), the notification is hereby provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the applicants in the above-captioned patent application, and assignee thereof, assert entitlement to Small Entity Status and were entitled to assert Small Entity Status prior to the filing of the Amendment B and Request For Continued Examination and payment of fees on May 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
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